

1941

## FORDEN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Interim Report of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
for the Year ending 1941

Gentlemen,

There are no outstanding facts or incidents to relate and no important changes- On account of the exigencies of the present time I make the report as brief as possible.

Estimated Population (mid year) 1941 5422  
Rateable Value £13.081  
Product of Penny Rate £54. 0. 0

BIRTHS

Live Births	M.	F	Total
Legitimate	45.	38	83
Illegitimate	3.	1	4
	48	39	87
Still Births			
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total Live & Still Births	49	39	88

Still Birth Rate for 1000 (Live &amp; Still Birth Rate) .11

DEATHS

M F TOTAL

34 27 61 Figures taken from monthly Returns  
Death Rate per 1000 population England & Wales 14. 3  
" " of infants per 1000 Live Births 37. 9

Ages at death after adjustment of the outward and Inward Transfers

	M	F	Total
Under one year	-	2	2
1 to 10	-	1	1
30 to 40	2	1	3
40 to 50	3	1	4
50 to 60	5	3	8
60 to 70	6	3	9
70 to 80	11	12	23
80 to 90	5	4	9
90	1	-	1
Total	33	27	60

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases	M	ages	F	ages	Deaths	M	ages	F	ages
Pulmonary	1	48	3	7.26.29	Pulmonary	1	48	-	-
Non Pulmonary	-	-	2	3.27	Non Pulmonary	-	-	-	-

Institutional Treatment of Tuberculosis

	Men	Women	Children	Total
In residence January 1st 1941	2	0	2	4
Admitted 1941	1	2	1	4
Discharged 1941	2	0	1	3
In residence January 1st 1942	-	2	1	3

Of the 3 discharged- 2 improved No material improvement 1

Record of Work done by District Nurses  
during the year ended 31st March 1941

District	Cases Attended								
	Midwifery	Maternity	Surgical & Medical	Tuberculosis	Infant Life Protection	Visits	Visits to Schools	Visits to Childrens Homes	Health Visits
Berriew Churchstoke Forden	10	5	93	1	1	1703	29	226	498

Notification of Infectious Diseases Received  
as Medical Officer of Health

	Total	M	Ages	F	Ages
Scarlet Fever	3	2	9. 28	1	45
Whooping Cough	49	25	1½ & 21	24	4-5
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Erysypelas	5	1	41	4	41. 52. 55. 36
Measles	14	7	1 to 10-5	7	1 to 10- 5
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Lobar Pneumonia	15	9	( 8. 63. 75. 76.	6	2. 4. 7. 29. 62. 86
Dysentery	-	-	( 41. (2) 30. 33. 28	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexial	1	-	-	1	24
Cerebro Spinal	1	-	-	1	6 weeks
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	5	-	-	5	2 Evacuees

In spite of everything, anxiety, food restrictions and extra work I am glad to say that I see no signs of deterioration in the health of the community, by way of prevention which is better than cure, by keeping up resistance to Diseases. I would strongly urge the importance of sleep and rest the consumption of Farm Produce and fruit not forgetting this year blackberries and apples.

Every house should get the booklet The Doctors tell you what to eat in War Time, price 3 published by the British Medical Association & got through any Bookseller.



## SECTION C - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER- Again an exceptional dry summer was experienced, but there was no shortage of water throughout the District generally. Only one complaint was received. This was in respect of no adequate supply of water for drinking and domestic use to one dwellinghouse. The matter is being attended to.

BERRIEW- The piped supply to this Village has been more than sufficient for all purposes. No bacteriological examination or chemical analysis of this supply was made during the year, as there is no reason to suspect the quality of the water. All water is passed through a sand filter before being obtained by the Public. The small inexpensive works of improvement made at the collecting area at Ladywell Spring in 1938 was certainly a success, as there has not been any shortage since.

BLANDYSSIL- An abundant supply was again available from all three sources.

CHURCHSTONE- The only piped supply in this large Parish is one owned by the County Council at Pentrenant. This supplies a number of Small Holdings, and a good supply is always available. The one complaint received during the year, referred to above, was from this Parish.

PLEIGHTON- No action was taken by the Owners of this private piped supply to improve the storage facilities. There is always a danger of water shortage during dry seasons.

NEW HOUSES- As all works and building new houses are in abeyance for the duration of the war, the Council's schemes for building new houses which are badly needed throughout the District, are postponed indefinitely.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE- No changes of any kind have taken place during the year.

RIVERS & STREAMS- The position is exactly the same as reported in previous years.

PUBLIC CLEANSING- No change of any kind during the year.

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### Milk Supply

Farms and Dairies throughout the District have been inspected systematically and at intervals as occasion required, & a good standard of cleanliness is maintained. Still more farmers are turning over to milk production, and improvements to or reconstruction of cowhouses is being or has been carried out.

Sampling - The County Council is the Authority for sampling for examination for Bacterial content and for Tubercle bacilli.

Meat Inspection- The slaughtering of animals for human consumption is now centralised and carried out under Government arrangements outside this area. Nevertheless, shops and meat vans are kept under supervision. There was nothing to complain of during the year, & on the whole, the quality of the meat distributed was good.

Bake houses The three bakehouses are regularly inspected, and are kept in a very satisfactory condition.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The District is regularly inspected, and such defects as have been found have been remedied. Owing to necessary Government restrictions, works of reconstruction of dwellings have had to be postponed, but minor works of repair can be and are being carried out.

Schools All schools in the area are in good sanitary condition, and have an adequate supply of water.

Complaints received- Twelve

Samples of Water Taken Nil

Premises Disinfected Five

Yours faithfully

R.D. THOMAS

WELSHPOOL

29th June 1942.